GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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ALZHYMERS DISEASE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to set up a National Institute on Alzhymers disease;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of Alzhymers patients in the country at present, State-wise;

(d) whether awareness programmes have been launched in regard to this disease; and

(e) if so, the agencies/organisations involved therein and the assistance given to them during each of the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE FOR HEALTH & FAMILY WELFARE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM)

(a)to(e): There is no proposal under consideration of Government to set up a National Institute of Alzheimer`s Disease.

No specific awareness programmes for Alzheimer`s Disease have been launched and no State-wise data regarding number of Alzheimer`s patients in the country is being maintained. This disease constitutes a serious public health problem in countries with very high life expectancy. At present, this disease is not perceived as a major public health concern in the country. However, treatment for Alzheimer`s disease is provided in tertiary hospitals both in the Government and private sector.